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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: YUGOSLAV CULTURAL DELEGATION

REF: BELGRADE 3990

1. PLEASE SEND ARRIVAL DATA SOONEST. DEPARTMENT ISSUING GRANTS FOR EACH DELEGATE LISTED REFTEL TO COVER TRAVEL IN US, DOLS 100 BOOK ALLOWANCE, AND DOLS 35 PER DIEM FOR TWENTY DAYS, SEPTEMBER 21 TO OCTOBER 10 INCLUSIVE.

2. WASHINGTON PROGRAM SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS: SEPTEMBER 22, EVENING: CONCERT AT KENNEDY CENTER. SEPTEMBER 23, AFTERNOON: LUNCH AT MICHAEL STRAIGHT'S TO MEET US SIDE FOR TALKS; EVENING FREE. SEPTEMBER 24: MORNING AND AFTERNOON: MEETINGS WITH US DELEGATION AT DEPARTMENT; EVENING: CULTURAL EVENT (TO BE ARRANGED). SEPTEMBER 25: VISITS TO WASHINGTON CULTURAL CENTERS SUCH AS KENNEDY CENTER, SMITHSONIAN, NATIONAL GALLERY, ETC; EVENING FREE. SEPTEMBER 26: GROUP SPLITS UP FOR INDIVIDUAL TOURS AROUND US PER SUGGESTIONS YUGOSLAVS SUBMITTED IN DECEMBER.

3. PLAN HAVE GROUP RETURN TO WASHINGTON O/A OCTOBER 8, HOLD WRAP-UP SESSION WITH US SIDE OCTOBER 9 AND DINNER HOSTED BY STRAIGHT THAT EVENING. MORNING OF THE 10TH BE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVOTED TO WRITING JOINT STATEMENT, THEN HAVE LUNCH WITH

ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON. EVENING FREE. PRESUME GROUP WILL DEPART US EARLY NEXT DAY. PLEASE ADVISE IF ABOVE AGREEABLE TO YUGOSLAVS.

4. IN ADDITION TO STRAIGHT, TAYLOR, BESSIE, FLEMING, AND ROSS, US SIDE BE COMPOSED OF FOLLOWING:

- 1) MARTHA COIGNEY, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL THEATRE INSTITUTE, NEW YORK
- 2) JACK MCBRIDE, SECRETARY, NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL TV COMMISSION, LINCOLN
- 3) JOSHUA TAYLOR, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL COLLECTION FINE ARTS, WASHINGTON
- 4) PAUL HORECKY, CHIEF, SLAVIC DIVISION, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
- 5) GRIFFITH JOHNSON, MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON.

5. AGENDA: US SIDE PROPOSES SEPTEMBER 24 TALKS BE DEVOTED DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATION OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN YUGOSLAVIA AND US; DISCUSSION AREAS POSSIBLE COOPERATION SUCH AS ETV; ARTIST IN RESIDENCE EXCHANGE; YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN US BI-CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES; EXCHANGES OF EXHIBITS, FILMS, PUBLICATIONS, PERFORMING ARTISTS. FINALLY, DISCUSSION OF FINANCING SUCH EXCHANGES IN VIEW OF LACK OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS ON US SIDE FOR SUCH PURPOSES. DISCUSSIONS OCTOBER 9 WOULD CENTER ON REVIEW OF DELEGATION'S US TRIP, WHAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE AS FOLLOW-UP ON BOTH SIDES TO PRODUCE RESULTS. ON FINAL DAY, US AND YUGOSLAV GROUPS CAN IF YUGOSLAV DESIRE WRITE JOINT STATEMENT ON TRIP AND PROSPECTS OF FUTURE COOPERATION. RUSH

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